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(U) Econoff spoke with Amr Hashem, telecommunications policy advisor to the Minister of Communications and Information Technology, regarding the March 6 WTO Information Technology Agreement (ITA) Committee informal meeting as per ref. Hashem was unaware of the March 6 meeting, and has no plans to attend. However, he is planning to attend an ITA Committee meeting in Geneva in late March. Econoff will raise ref points with Hashem closer to that time. RICCIARDONE